

Appl. No. : 10/030,756
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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 2-6 and 10-38 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner indicated that the claim terms "parts in weight" and "in weight" are unclear since the terms are not normally used in the art. The Examiner indicated that the common terminology is "parts by weight." The Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting this discrepancy and hereby amends the pending claims to clarify the meaning of this terminology.

The Examiner indicated that the Applicant's invention is otherwise patentable over the art of record and reminded the Applicant of the affirmative duty to disclose any prior art which may be found relevant to the examination of this application. The Applicant confirms that no additional prior art is known to the Applicant other than the art submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 28, 2002.

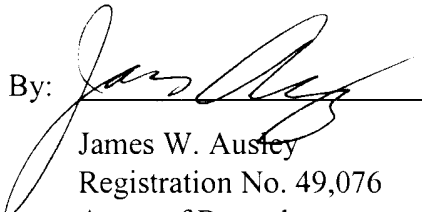
Thus, from the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the application as currently amended is now in a condition ready for allowance and respectfully requests the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability. The Applicant believes that this amendment is fully responsive to the rejections raised by the Examiner in the Office Action, however, should there remain any further impediment to the allowance of this application that might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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